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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 24 to 30 August 1993.

24 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and the area to the south of Diwaniyah.

At 1405 hours on 24 August 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over the area to the south of Najaf and the area to the south of Diwaniyah and over Samawah, Nasiriyah and Artawi. It left at 1515 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

25 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

26 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 26 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 94 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Samawah and Busayyah.

27 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah, Busayyah and Ushbayjah.

28 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the southern region on 28 August 1993.

29 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1230 hours on 29 August 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Sukkar, Amarah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Samawah and Artawi. It left at 1459 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

30 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 30 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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